

# RANGE INFORMATION SHEET

1. **Issue of Ranges:** Units training at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) will use only those ranges that have been approved by Range Control and are scheduled for their use. Units will not operate on any other range or range complex that has not been approved by Range Control. Other units may be scheduled to utilize those ranges.

Using units or organizations will not occupy any range or range complex until a unit representative has completed the following steps:

- a. Drawn a Post Packet (Form 9) from the Provost Marshall Office or Main Gate (After hours).
- b. Signed in with the Troop Medical Clinic or Medical Operations.
- c. Received a Medical Briefing from the Troop Medical Clinic or Medical Operations.
- d. Signed in with Range Control.
- e. Received a Training Area Briefing from Range Control.
- f. Received a Range Safety Briefing from Range Control.
- g. Turned in an OIC/RSO Appointment Letter prior to your Range Safety Briefing.
- h. Signed in with Range Maintenance.
- i. Hand receipted a radio from Range Maintenance (See Communications below).

2. **Post Range Control:** CBJTC Range Control is located in building # 4540 on Defuniak Springs Street, which runs between Avenues C and D. Range Control's radio frequency is FM 47.05. UHF frequency is 277.45 and VHF frequency is 123.0 and 141.5. Landline communication for post extension numbers is 904-682-3121 or Fax 3489; DSN 822-3121 or Fax 3489; SUNCOM 854-3121 or Fax 3489.

Range Control will be open during normal duty hours (0730-1700). Range Control will remain open during any scheduled live fire event, when troops are in the field training, when a unit is bivouacked overnight, during aviation and when airborne operations are being conducted.

3. **Troop Medical Clinic/Medical Operations:** The Troop Medical clinic radio frequency is 47.05 FM. Troop Medical Clinic's on post extension is 3514; Medical Operations extension is 3106. Along with the Medical Briefing the Troop Medical Clinic or Medical Operations issues each unit or organization Emergency Medical Cards (dated 30 September 2005). Each unit or organization should acquire enough medical cards for each member of their unit or organization to carry on their person. This card will be carried daily while occupying any training area or range facility during your stay on CBJTC; this is a State mandated policy.

4. **Scheduling Ranges:** All range requests need to be turned into Range Control 45 day in advance of the requested event. Range requests need to be submitted to Range Control through RFMSS. After the range has been approved and scheduled, units can then make changes to the schedule or cancel the range.

Once an operation or exercise has begun, changes to the schedule require a 24-hour notice. This is to verify safety, make personnel schedule changes and to notify other supporting sections of any additional requirements. The Scheduling POC for all range activities is SFC Alan Hunter at 904-682-2438. The scheduling section can be reached at [rangecontrol@fl.ngb.army.mil](mailto:rangecontrol@fl.ngb.army.mil) via e-mail.

5. **Bivouacking on Ranges:** Units that draw a range and intend to stay overnight need to schedule this period with Range Control (If you stay overnight to guard ammo). When a unit is on a range or in the field Range Control has to be operational. This requires us to add a third shift. Scheduling is a must.

If you occupy a range for any reason you must monitor the Range Control Net. You **must** conduct your hourly communications check with Range Control throughout the night.

6. **Concept Letters and Risk Management:** For non-standard ranges (courses of fire that are not covered in a Field Manual (FM)) concept letters and risk management worksheets need to be turned into Range Control 48 hours in advance of the event or exercise for Range Control's review and approval.

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7. **Waivers:** The Post Commander will review and approve all range or equipment waivers. Waivers will be submitted to Range Control NLT 45 days in advance of the scheduled event. Risk Management Worksheets needs to be submitted along with the waiver request. Waiver criteria is as follows:

- a. Letter or memorandum format with agency letterhead.
- b. Reason for waiver request.
- c. Supporting documentation and regulations that supports your reason for waiver.
- d. Point of contact information (subject matter expert).
- e. Signed by commanding officer or division supervisor.

8. **Airspace:** All weapon systems conducting range firing that requires additional airspace above 5000 feet needs to be identified during the initial scheduling process. Once scheduled, ranges that require a change in airspace needs to be turned into Range Control 48 hours in advance. If you are unsure about airspace ask Range Control for assistance. Range Control will contact the necessary agencies for the change in airspace, not the unit.

9. **Airborne Operations:** For all airborne operations an Appendix "A" (Airborne Operations Request) needs to be filled out and turned into Range Control at least 45 days in advance of the scheduled operation. No additional jumps or jump times can be scheduled without a 24-hour prior notification. Range Control will prepare a NOTAM and file it with the FAA.

10. **OIC and RSO Appointments:** An appointment letter for the Officer In Charge (OIC) and Range Safety Officer (RSO) need to be turned into Range Control (Prior to the Units Range Safety Briefing) with the following information:

- a. Unit or Organizations letter head (To include phone numbers).
- b. List of ranges with dates and times the OIC and RSO are responsible for.
- c. OIC and RSO's Name, Rank and last 4 of the Social Security Number (SSN).
- d. A statement indicating that the OIC and RSO are qualified/certified to operate the range.
- e. The Commander's or approving authority signature block and signature.

All OIC's must have a minimum rank of SFC (E-7). The RSO must be a SSG (E-6) or a SGT (E-5) permanently assigned to an E-6 position and stated as such in the appointment letter. For civilian organizations individuals need to be range/instructor certified. OIC and RSO **must be** physically present on the range when it is in a "Hot" status.

11. **Incident/Accident Report:** Report **any** incident/accident to Range Control **IMMEDIATELY**. As a minimum the OIC or RSO will segregate personnel involved and leave equipment in-place. All incidents/accidents will be followed up by a detail Incident/Accident Report, which will be found in your Post Packet. For fatalities, personal injury, weapon or equipment damage your range will be placed in a "Cold" status and the OIC and RSO will report to Range Control immediately. The Range Officer will evaluate the incident or accident and determine if the range will be allowed to return to a "Hot" status.

12. **Medevac:** All requests for Medevac (wheeled or aerial) will be transmitted and coordinated through the Range Control Net. If Range Control can not be raised, contact Troop Medical Clinic for assistance or dial **3911** the on post emergency response number.

A list of approved Landing Zones (LZs) for rotary wing Medevac (Civilian and Military) may be obtained from Range Control. There are two rotary wing Medevac lists. The first list is for military Medevacs (when available) and the second list is for civilian Medevacs. Know in advance which asset is available and where the closest Medevac **LZ** is to your range or operation.

Units or organizations requesting a Medevac need to stay in constant communications with Range Control. The following information needs to be relayed to Range Control per CBJTC MEDEVAC card 28 May 2010

Tents, structures, commo wire, vehicles or any other type of equipment **will not** be placed in these landing zones at any time for any reason. They are safety hazards to all aviation assets attempting to land in the LZ.

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All Landing Zones are marked with an alphanumeric designator. Check the designator to make certain you are in the correct Landing Zone and you relay that Medevac LZ number to Range Control.

**NOTE:** When a unit is requesting a Medevac over the radio, **do not interrupt the transmission.** Monitor the radio until the requesting unit has finished its eleven-line report.

**NOTE:** Range Control will place all units in a **Check Fire Status** any time an Aerial Medevac is requested. Once the Medevac helicopter has cleared Post, Range Control will lift the check fire.

13. **Maps:** The only authorized Map for Camp Blanding is: SPECIAL MAP, V747S, CAMP BLANDING. Horizontal DATUM is: WORLD GEODETIC SYSTEM 1984 (WGS-84) Edition 175-1. Units that compute firing data for indirect weapon systems or for the construction of surface danger zones or for the construction of new range scenarios have to use this Map. NSN 7643014803680

14. **Range Fans:** All range fans are kept on file at Range Control. A copy of existing range fans may be obtained from Range Control for your range or facility. Construction of range fans for new range scenarios or special operations will be coordinated through Range Control. New range fans will be submitted to Range Control at least 45 days in advance of the operation for review and approval. This includes Artillery and Mortar safety and range fans.

15. **Communications:** Military/Civilian Organizations can draw hand held radios from Range Maintenance. On Post extension is 3219. These radios are for range use only not internal communications. Only one radio with spare batteries will be issued per range. Live Fire Ranges will use channel 3 on the handheld radios. Communications will be kept with Range Control at all times. Lost communications may result in your range being permanently closed. Communications checks are conducted every hour on the hour i.e. (1100, 1200, 1300). To draw hand held radios from Range Maintenance the requirements are as follows:

a. Civilian Organizations need to have their Post Packet and a letter (use organizational letterhead) of authorization stating who will be signing for the radio and a statement accepting liability for equipment lost or broken.

b. Military units need to have their Post Packet and an updated signature card (DA FORM 1687). When scheduling ranges, you should also turn in a request for radios to Range Maintenance and check to see if your DA Form 1687 needs updating.

1. **Utilization Data:** Each unit/organization will report to Range Control each morning by 0900 hours the number of personnel (to include support personnel) and the number and type of vehicles that will be on the range or facility that day.

2. **Range Utilization Data:** Once you have completed firing and request to go cold for the day, the following range utilization data is required by Range Control:

Line A: Your unit/organization identification.

Line B: Number of troops trained (to include support personnel).

Line C: Number of rounds fired (for each caliber type and by DODIC).

18. **Roadblocks/Gates:** Roadblocks will be completed or verified each morning by Range Control Personnel. No range will be allowed to "Go Hot" until roadblocks are verified. Roadblocks/Gates will not be violated without first obtaining permission from Range Control. All roadblocks or gates have an alphanumeric designator. Use that designator when requesting to violate that roadblock or gate. Ensure the roadblock or gate is secured after the last element has passed through it. All perimeter gates will always remain locked unless secured by a posted guard. Roadblocks, gates, and perimeter fencing will not be cut or removed for any reason.

Numerous ranges require additional roadblocks to be established and manned by the unit. Units must comply with these requirements before they are allowed to go into a "Hot" status. Unmanned roadblocks or lost communications with the roadblocks will result in the range being placed into a "Cold" status.

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19. **Declination Station:** The declination station is located on Camp Blanding's Army Airfield. A declination station worksheet may be obtained at the Range Control office.

20. **Use of CS Gas and Smoke:** The use of CS/Smoke in any form will be coordinated with Range Control 24-hours in advance of its use. An 8-digit grid coordinate will be provided to Range Control where the unit intends to use CS Gas. CS/Smoke will not be used within 500 meters of any paved roads or Post Boundary. CS capsules are the only form of CS authorized on CBJTC. Use of CS and Smoke is prohibited in any of our MOUT or UDB buildings and Tunnel Training facilities.

21. **Use of Pyrotechnics/Live Ammunition:** No pyrotechnics/live ammunition will be used at CBJTC unless they are drawn from the CBJTC Ammo Supply Point (ASP). Use of any live ammunition or pyrotechnics not issued by the CBJTC ASP is prohibited unless previously approved by the Post Logistics Officer.

No pyrotechnics/ammunition of any type will be used during extreme drought or dry weather unless specifically approved by the Post Forester or Range Control. Units will check daily for an updated pyrotechnics ban.

All pyrotechnics used will be accounted for or turned in to the Post ASP upon completion of training.

Use of any pyrotechnics/blank ammunition is prohibited in the cantonment area.

Waivers may be approved for using pyrotechnics/blank ammunition in the cantonment area on an individual basis. Requests need to be turned into Range Control 45 days in advance.

22. **Mortar Firing:** To conduct mortar firing while at Camp Blanding the original safety card and overlay must be turned into Range Control for approval no later than 45 days before scheduled firing. If a unit desires to use an existing safety card and overlay already on file at Range Control, they may do so by submitting a memorandum having the original signature of the OIC stating that he accepts and approves the safety card and overlay.

A copy of the approved mortar safety card and overlay will be located at the mortar point prior to going "Hot". During the units request to go "Hot" Range Control will ask for the control number (top right corner of the safety card) on the safety card for that firing position.

All tubes will be located within 100 meters of the benchmark for that mortar firing position.

Mortar points will have a range flag flying in the daytime and red blinking lights at night. Both can be hand receipted from Range Maintenance.

23. **Mortar Workshops:** Range Control will conduct a mortar workshop at the unit's request. Range Control will instruct their personnel on mortar safety, completion of the safety card and construction of overlays for any mortar point on Camp Blanding. All classes will meet AR385-63 standards. Units interested in these classes may contact Range Control at the above listed numbers to coordinate a date time group for these classes.

24. **Artillery Firing:** To conduct artillery firing at Camp Blanding the original safety card and overlay must be turned into Range Control for approval 45-days in advance. If a unit desires to use an existing safety card and overlay already on file at Range Control, then the unit needs to submit a memorandum having the original signature of the Battalion Commander stating that he accepts and approves the safety card and overlays.

A copy of the approved artillery safety card and overlay will be located at the artillery firing point prior to going "Hot". No changes will be made to the safety without Range Control's approval.

All tubes will be located within 300 meters of the benchmark for that artillery firing position.

Artillery firing point will have a range flag flying in the daytime and red blinking lights will be placed at each end of the firing point at night. Both can be hand receipted from Range Maintenance. If firing is conducted over an existing road or trail, road guards must be placed to stop all traffic from moving in front of the gun tubes. Range flags and lights will be placed at these locations.

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26. **Emergency Vehicles:** Post or civilian fire fighting equipment, ambulances, Security, Range Control and Range Maintenance vehicles **will not** be stopped by using units for any reason. These personnel and vehicles will not be stopped to render sign/countersign (challenge/ password).

26. **Building of Fires:** Open fires are prohibited at CBJTC. Please report any fire to Range Control immediately. Range Control will then notify Post Forestry.

27. **Alcoholic Beverages:** Alcoholic beverages will not be used on any range or range complex at CBJTC. The use of alcohol is prohibited outside the cantonment area.

28. **Field Kitchens/Latrines:** Field kitchens and latrines are not authorized on any range or range complex. Grease pits/sumps are prohibited at CBJTC. Field latrines may be utilized in training areas but not on any range or range complex. Field latrines need to be permanently marked (lasting 6 months) by unit, unit POC, and closure date.

29. **Dud Ammunition:** Units finding dud ammunition in any training area, facility or on any range needs to implement the following safety steps:

- a. Do not touch, kick or handle the dud.
- b. Mark off the area (approximately 5-meter circle) immediately.
- c. Advise other elements/ personnel in the area of the dud locations.
- d. Call Range Control with a description of the dud and an 8-digit grid coordinate.
- f. Range Control will notify EOD for disposal.

30. **Vehicles:** The only vehicles authorized on firing ranges are the medical, communications and ammunition vehicles. No civilian vehicles are authorized on live fire ranges at any time. For Drop Zone Operations, the DZSO's and the medical vehicles are the only vehicles authorized on the drop zone during airborne operations.

31. **Environmental:** All units and organizations must be familiar with all current Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) regulations and restrictions. An Environmental Soldiers handbook may be obtained at Range Control.

32. **Fuel/Petroleum Spills:** Report any fuel spill to Range Control immediately with an 8-digit grid coordinate, unit identification and a P.O.C. from the unit. Range Control will then notify the Post Environmental section. The Environmental section will then coordinate with the unit for clean up and disposal.

33. **Weather:** All units must continuously monitor the Range Control Net. All severe weather advisories will be broadcasted over both Range Control Nets. Updates will be broadcasted as received.

34. **Wet Bulb:** The Troop Medical Clinic (TMC) issues the Wet Bulb readings not Range Control. When available and the TMC is open, they will issue a Wet Bulb reading over both net frequencies. If a unit needs continuous updates they need to coordinate with TMC directly. The Wet Bulb reading is taken at the TMC and would vary in your field location.

**All firing will be conducted in accordance with appropriate FM's, TM's, Camp Blanding SOP's 95-1 and 210-5, DA PAM 685-63 and Army Regulation 385-63.**

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